

AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 36

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64(D) of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets bounded by West William Cannon Drive, West Dittmar Road, Manchaca Road, and South 1st Street.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$7,200 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- the highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- the highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street; and
- the highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel, and
- the Council finds that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe.

The City of Austin Public Works Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by West William Cannon Drive, West Dittmar Road, Manchaca Road, and South 1st Street. The lower speed limit will reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Most of the streets within the area are eligible for a 25-mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Cannonleague Drive from William Cannon Drive (West) to Matthews Lane, Cooper Lane from William Cannon Drive (West) to Matthews Lane, Mount Carrell Drive from Matthews Lane to William Cannon Drive (West), Prince Valiant Drive from Copper Lane to 1st Street (South) because these streets are wider than 35 feet. The ordinance includes a finding that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe, in accordance with the statute. Other exceptions are Matthews Lane from Manchaca Road to Cooper Lane because the existing speed limits were established by a prior engineering and traffic investigation. None of these exceptions are included in the recommended Code changes. Staff recommends that Section 12-4-64(D) be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Acorn Oaks Drive from Mount Carrell Drive to Cooper Lane.
 Albert Road from Matthews Lane to the end of Albert Road.
 Aletha Lane from Barnsdale Way to Sir Gawain Drive.
 Ann Taylor Drive from Huddleston Lane to the end of Ann Taylor Drive.
 Barnsdale Way from Aletha Lane to the north end of Barnsdale Way.
 Barnsdale Way from Plumpton Drive to the south end of Barnsdale Way.
 Baxter Springs Road to both ends of Baxter Springs Road.
 Bodark Lane from Cooper Lane to Acorn Oaks Drive.

Breyfogle Trail from Evadean Circle to Manchaca Road.
Buckingham Place from 1st Street (South) to Cooper Lane.
Castlekeep Way from Buckingham Place to the end of Castlekeep Way.
Cherrydale Drive from Cherry Orchard Drive to Cherry Meadow Drive.
Cherry Meadow Circle from Cherry Meadow Drive to the end of Cherry Meadow Circle.
Cherry Meadow Drive from Matthews Lane to Cherry Orchard Drive.
Cherry Orchard Drive from Cherry Meadow Drive to Cannonleague Drive.
Cogbill Street from Lenora Street to Dee Street.
Constantino Circle from Dan Jean Drive (south intersection) to Dan Jean Drive (north intersection).
Cooper Lane from Matthews Lane to Dittmar Road (West).
Crosswood Drive from Mount Carrell Drive to Matthews Lane.
Cullers Cove from Meadow Run to the end of Cullers Cove.
Dan Jean Drive from Cannonleague Drive to Constantino Circle.
Damon Road from Albert Road to the end of Damon Road.
Darvone Circle from Wynne Lane to the end of Darvone Circle.
Dee Street from Matthews Lane to Cogbill Street.
Dymalor Circle from Wynne Lane to the end of Dymalor Circle.
Echo Lane from Windrift Way to Stoneoak Lane.
Elm Forest Road from Matthews Lane to Oak Hedge Place.
Evadean Circle from Quivira Road (west intersection) to Quivira Road (east intersection).
Forest Wood Road from Matthews Lane to Dittmar Road (West).
Hidden Hill Circle from Meadow Run to the end of Hidden Hill Circle.
Hillside Oaks Drive from Cooper Lane to Mount Carrell Drive.
Huddleston Lane from Ann Taylor Drive to Dittmar Road (West).
Huntingdon Place from Cooper Lane to Castlekeep Way.
Ivory Key Court from Woodhue Drive to the end of Ivory Key Court.
Kansas River Drive from Steamline Circle (south intersection) to Steamline Circle (north intersection).
Keilbar Lane from Manchaca Road to the end of Keilbar Lane.
Kevin Taylor Drive from Stephany Taylor Cove to Huddleston Lane.
Lenora Street from Matthews Lane to the end of Lenora Street.
Marc Taylor Drive to both ends of Marc Taylor Drive.
Meadow Run from Echo Lane to Matthews Lane.
Moat Cove from Prince Valiant Drive to the end of Moat Cove.
Oak Hedge Place from Elm Forest Road to Wood Cliff Drive.
Persimmon Trail from Reno Drive to Dittmar Road (West).
Plumpton Drive from Castlekeep Way to the end of Plumpton Drive.
Prince Arn Drive from Barnsdale Way to the end of Prince Arn Drive.
Quivira Road from Evaden Circle to Baxter Springs Road.
Reno Drive from Wynne Lane to the end of Reno Drive.
Shawnee Mission Trail from Manchaca Road to Kansas River Drive.
Sherwood Road from Albert Road to the end of Sherwood Road.
Sir Gawain Drive to both ends of Sir Gawain Drive.
Steamline Circle to both ends of Steamline Circle.
Stephany Taylor Cove from Kevin Taylor Drive to the end of Stephany Taylor Cove.
Stone Oak Lane from Cooper Lane to Meadow Run.
Treasure Cove from Woodhue Drive to the end of Treasure Cove.
Windrift Way from William Cannon Drive (West) to Meadow Run.
Wood Cliff Drive from Sherwood Road to Oak Hedge Place.
Woodhue Court from Woodhue Drive to the end of Woodhue Court.
Woodhue Drive from William Cannon Drive (West) to Matthews Lane.
Wynne Lane from Dittmar Road (West) to Sherwood Road.